

PROJECT TITLE : Reconstituted Tobacco
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MONIQUE / RCB

Production

During this month 40'200 kg of sheet were produced, 2 % more than in February.

Pumps

The new Moyno pumps were ordered and will be delivered at the end of Mai. Panpetrol will install them during the summer shut down of the Monique plant. The vacation period is scheduled from July 14th - August 1st.

Refiner

The new refiner gaskets recommended by Sprout Waldron (Ref. 1) were installed.

FTR Cutter

The drawings of this device, which should replace the existing COMAS slitter cutter, were finished and given to the workshop to calculate a price estimate.

After Dryer

On March 24th new heating elements were installed. They should resist to higher temperatures.

Capacity Increase

A study is under way to increase the production capacity of the Monique/RCB installation.

One possibility could be to rise the air temperature of the Sandvik dryer by increasing the thermo oil temperature.

An engineer from Konuskessel, manufacturers of the thermo oil boiler visited Onnens on March 24th.

His advices were very helpful and are now being followed up by the engineering department.

APPLICATION OF NINO-PRODUCTS IN MONIQUE/RCB

Trial NINO/RCB 4 and 5

The objectives of these trials were described in the December monthly report (Ref. 2).

The analytical results of these trials were received (Ref. 3).

A meeting took place on March 18th to discuss these results

The discussion led to the conclusion that these trials will have to be repeated.

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Lab Installation

The furniture for the lab was ordered. Meetings were held jointly with the architects to determine details of the building modifications.

First discussions took place to establish the sampling plan for the ETNA start-up period.



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REFERENCES

- 1 Monthly report, September 1979, Reconstituted Tobacco, H. Friedrich.
- 2 Monthly report, December 1979, Reconstituted Tobacco II, A. Robbiani.
- 3 Note from Miss L. Joseph to A. Robbiani from March 4th, 1980.

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